

ORDER BOOK OF JOHN FAUCHERAUD GRIMKÉ

(August 1778 to May 1780)

(Continued from the July number)

July, 1779 Charlestown

12th.¹ Orders by Major General Lincoln.

All the Cont^l. Soldiers now in Town belonging to the 1st. 3^d. & 6th Regiments are to join the 5th.

In the daily returns for Rum, no Commissioned Officer is to be included; none are to draw but the Non Com^d. Officers, Drums, Fifes & Rank & File.

Officers are to draw weekly for themselves & such of their Servants who are not of the Army.

All provision Returns & Returns for Rum are to be signed by the Commanding Officers of Battalions & Corps, who are desired to be exceeding careful that they agree with the Morning reports, which are to be made agreeable to the printed forms now in the Hands of the D. A. G. and are ready to be delivered out to the several Battalions or Corps.

15th. Commanding Officers of Regt^s. & Corps are desired to be extremely attentive to the Orders of the 12th Instant particularly with respect to the returns for rations & take the first Opportunity of bringing to a Court Martial any Officers who may in future neglect to make proper Returns of their Companies to him.

No more than two Women to each Company will be allowed to draw rations, & they are to be appointed by the Commanding Officer of the Regiment or Corps.

16th. The Captain of the Day to visit the Continental Guards once in the Day & once in the Night.

A Gen^l. Court Martial to set on Monday next at 10 oClock in the new Barracks to try such prisoners as shall be brought before them. President Lieu^t. Col^o. Bedault. Six Capt^s. & 6 Sub^s. from the different Cont^l. Corps detail.

¹ Several pages missing between June 27 and July 12.

Four Companies from the 2^d. Cont^t. Reg^t. of S^o. Carolina to hold themselves in readiness to march at a Moments Warning, The Col^o is desired to appoint those Companies whose Tour of Duty is next.

17th. The Light Infantry Company of the 2^d. Reg^t. with Captains Moultrie, Hall & Baker's Company are to go to Fort Moultrie to be relieved by Companies from thence.

Lieut Col^o. Bedault² who was appointed President of the Gen^l. Court Martial to sit on Monday next being a prosecutor of Prisoners, Lieu^t. Col^o. Grimke is appointed in his place.

19th. Cap^t. Thomas Shubrick of the 5th Reg^t. in the Cont^t. Service in the State of S^o. Carolina is appointed Aid de Camp to Gen^l. Lincoln & is to be obeyed accordingly.

September 14³

Headquarters,
West Side of Zubly's Ferry
Savannah River,

M. O. Parole Laurens. Countersigns

Barry, Burke,

F. O. for tomorrow.

A Capt. from the S^o. Carolina Brigade to relieve Cap^t. Vanderhorst.

A Court of Inquiry is to sit immediately on the Conduct of Cap^t. Belfield of Blands Light Dragoons on a Charge of absenting himself without Leave & of ungentlemanly Behaviour in associating with a private Soldier. President Col^o. Parker two Cap^{ts}. from the Virginia Reg^t. & two Cap^{ts}. from the South Carolina Line Members. The pres^t. will appoint a place for the Court to sit. All Evidences are to attend.

N. O. The Court of Inquiry (of which Col^o. Parker was pres^t.) on the Conduct of Cap^t. Belfield have reported "That with respect to Cap^t. Belfields absenting himself without Leave, it appears "That certain unavoidable Accidents which the Court

² Probably this is Charles Frederick de Bedaulx, of France, who was brevet captain, Continental Army, 10 May 1777 (*Journals Cont. Cong.*, vol. 8, p. 475) and Lieut. Col. 1st Cavalry, Pulaski's Legion, 10 Dec. 1778 (Heitman and *Jour. Cont. Cong.*, vol. 12, p. 1210). Balch, in *The French in America*, gives his name as Lebrun de Bedeaux, the dates of appointment, &c., corresponding exactly, and states that he died in America.

³ This date follows that of July 19 and is on the same page.

thinks sufficient prevented his joining his Corps; And no Evidence appearing to support the latter part of the Charge, the Court unanimously acquit him." The Court of Inquiry is dissolved.

The Brigade Majors & Adjutants who take Orders will attend the Adj. Gen^l. for that purpose at 7 oClock in the Morning 12 at Noon & 6 in the Afternoon.

The following Arrangements of the Troops is immediately to take place & to continue till further Orders.

The 5th Reg^t. with one Sub: 2 Serj^{ts}. & 33 Rank & File from the 2^d. One Sub: 2 Serj^{ts}. & 33 Rank & File from the 3^d. South Carolina reg^t & Cap^t. Snipe's Troop of Horse are to form the Light Corps of the Army under the Command of Col^o. Laurens.

Cha^s. Town 8th August 1779.

Sir/

You will be pleased immediately upon your Arrival at the Fort upon Cat Island to order without delay a return of the Stores in Garrison to be made you; A Copy of which with an Abstract of what you may want & cannot obtain in George Town you will transmit me by the very first safe Opportunity. You will be careful to examine the State of your powder; & if the Cartridges have been filled for a long time you will order them to be reformed & the Casks to be turn'd once a fortnight, lest the Salt Peter should Subside. You will cause the Militia to keep their Arms in good firing Order, always, & as they may have a Variety of Calibres amongst their Guns, I recommend Strongly to you that you have 300 Rounds at least fitted to each Gun as immediately as possible & that you dispose of them in such a manner that they can be supplied in Case of Attack without Delay or Confusion. As the greater part of your Garrison will consist of Militia, & as hitherto they have done duty under their own Officers who commanded that Post, & they may probably be very relax in their Discipline, I would advise that you mount an Officers Guard if possible & that your Officer of the Day be not permitted to Sleep upon any Account whatever: To attain these desirable Ends, by visiting the Guards & Centinels every night you will probably instil an Obedience to Orders & inculcate the necessity of this Order & Discipline into the Minds of your Officers & Soldiers by your Example—The Militia is not subject to Corporal Punishment &

is only liable to Fines; but I have known Instances where the Officers have been cobb'd⁴ very severely, when condemned thereto by their own people. If you could persuade them to adopt this practice, perhaps it would render your task easy; that of introducing Regularity & Obedience.

You will be careful that the Ammunition is not washed, & examine your Beef, Bread & Water frequently, & Should it Spoil by keeping, you will immediately apply to Col^o. Hireot for the Same Quantity which has proved bad. You will send Serg^t. Smith into the Country who is to endeavour to collect Several Deserters, whom we have in that part of the State, & they will receive pardon upon delivering themselves up to him & joining your Command. I hope to hear frequently from you & am with my best wishes for your Success.

Sir

Your Ob^t. hum: Serv^t.

John F. Grimké.

Cap^t. Davis }
 Marching to }
 Cat Island }

Charles Town 25th Aug^t. 1779

Sir/

You will be pleased to march your Detachment to Augusta by the nearest Rout, where you will receive further Orders from Gen^l. M^tIntosh or the Commanding Officer for the time being.

Your Detachment will Serve as a Guard to Some Waggons carrying up Stores for the Troops which you will Pay Some Attention to both on your March & in your Encampment, always mounting a Centinel for this Security. Wishing you a pleasant March

I am Sir

Your Most Ob^t. Hum: Serv^t.

John F. Grimké

⁴See *Oxford Dictionary*, definition No. 3.

To Lieu^t Moore }
 Marching to }
 Augusta }

Charlestown 26th Aug^t. 1779

Orders by L^t. Col^o. Grimké.

The Ammunition Boxes for the 2^d 2 p^{dr}. Field pieces are to contain 48 Rounds each—Those for the 4 p^{rs}. 24 rounds each; & those for the 6 p^{rs}. 16 Rounds each.

The Ammunition Boxes for the 2 p^{drs} & 6 p^{rs}. which are to be carried in the Ammunition Carts are to be adapted to the Dimensions of the Carts; observing as nearly as possible the above Directions: The Carts will carry four Boxes probably, one of which is to be reserved for Cartridges to small Arms.

The W^t. of the 2 p^d. Carts will be 360^w: 3 Boxes Artillery Ammunition & about 100^wt. (Supposing 2000 Cartridges) for the Musquetry—Total 460 ^wt.

The W^t. to the 6 p^d. Cart will be 3 Boxes Artillery Ammunition 358^wt. & about 10 ^wt. of Musquet Cartridges in a 4th Box—Total 458 W^t.

Eight Boxes (not including the 3 to the Cart) are wanted for the 6 pounders.

One hundred & Thirty Boxes are wanted for the four pounders of the above Dimensions.

These Boxes are to be made very close, Strong & Dove tail'd, & the sides nailed to the Bottom, & not the Bottom to the Sides—the Apartments are to be very even & Square—the Hinges on the Outside of the Boxes & covered with Canvass.

The Handles are to be of Wood, fastened with Screws, on each Side, thro' which is to be put a piece of Rope.

The whole to be of Cypress or Northward Pine.

September, 1779.⁵

14th. The 1st, 3^d. & 6th. Reg^{ts}. of S^o. Carolina with one half of the Militia Infantry will compose the Brigade on the right, to be commanded by Brig^r. Gen^e. M^cIntosh.

⁵ Headquarters evidently still at West Side of Zubly's Ferry, Savannah River. The letters and orders of August 8, 25, & 26 being inserted between the regular order of dates.

The 2^d. S^o. Carolina & the Virginia Reg^{ts}. with the other half of the Militia will compose the Brigade on the left to be commanded by Brig^r. Gen^l. Huger.

The Draughts from the 2^d. & 3^d. regt^s. are to be paraded at four oClock this Afternoon & to be picked Men.

Dates of the Commissions of all the Field Officers in Camp & who may here after arrive are to be made to the A: G. without Delay.

(To be continued.)