

ORDER BOOK OF JOHN FAUCHERAUD GRIMKÉ

(August 1778 to May 1780)

(Continued from the April number)

Camp before Savannah.

Oct^r. 9th 1779.

Parole C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow Col^o. Middleton

B. M. capⁿ. M^cIntosh.

As the Guards cannot possibly be relieved this Evening, the Com^d. Officers of the different Corps will order Provisions cooked & sent to them.

The Arms are to be immediately put in good Order:

Ammunition Returns & returns of the killed wounded & missing are also to be made without Delay.

Twenty four Light Dragoons are to be paraded on the Grand parade this afternoon at 5 oClock. Six of that number will be either Non Com^d. Officers or privates capable of acting as such. 10th. Parole Monmouth. C. S. Martin. Moyland.

F. O. for tomorrow Col^o. Twiggs.

B. M. Capt. Bowie.

For fatigue to be paraded immediately One Capⁿ. two Sub^s. 3 Serj^{ts}. & 50 Rank & file—L^t. Col^o. Scott & Major Wells are for the Command to relieve Col^o. Dooley.

11th. Parole. C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow L^t. Col^o. Marion

B. M. Cap^t. Lining.

For Command to be paraded immediately 2 Capt^s. 4 Sub^s. 8 Serj^{ts}. & 100 R & T. L^t. Col^o. Hopkins & Major Smith for this Command to relieve the Guard at the Bomb Batt^y. They are to be reinforced at Retreat beating by a Sub: & ten Dragoons.

13th. Parole Amsterdam C. S. Matthew. Manchester.

F. O. for tomorrow. L^t. Col^o. Baird.

B. M. Capⁿ. Bowie.

Eight days rations of Rum at a Gill per Day will be immediately issued to the Com^d. Officers of Reg^{ts}. or Corps for the Non Com^d. Officers & Soldiers under their Command to be served out by

them when they think convenient also a Gallon of Rum to each Commissioned Officer.

15th. Parole C. S.

F. O. for tomorrow. Major Anderson.

B. M. Cap^t. M^cIntosh

The Brigade Court Martial appointed by Brig^r. Gen^l. M^cIntosh for the Tryal of Cap^t. Carter in Arrest, & Isaac Wood confined, for plundering contrary to repeated Orders, report that they are guilty and sentence the former to be deprived of his Command & rendered incapable of holding a Commission and recommended that the said Capⁿ. Carter be secured for a Tryal by the Civil Authority at a future day, & that the Effects taken be returned to the Q. M. G. agreeable to order & the latter to be confined for Tryall at a future Day.

The Gen^l. approves the Sentence & orders that Cap^t. Carter be no longer considered as an Officer.

Ebenezer Heights.

19th.

F. O. for the New Guard to relieve Col^o. Pinckney Lieu^t. Col^o. Marion.

The Light Infantry of the 2^d & 3^d Reg^{ts}. are to join their respective Corps immediately.

A French Manuscript signed by Count d'Estaing and folded in the proceedings of a Regimental Court Martial was dropt to Day in Camp—if it be found by any one, 'tis requested to be delivered to the Adjct. General.

November, 1779 Charles Town¹

6th. Rations are not to be drawn for the future for any Soldiers Wife that is not with the Reg^t. those sick in Barracks or Hospital excepted.

8th. A Gen^l. Court Martial to sit tomorrow Morning at the New Barracks to try all such prisoners as shall be bro^t. before it—all Evidences to attend—Col^o. Mebane Pres^t.

Cap^t. Keith, Lieu^{ts}. Glaze & Lining of the 5th S^o. Carolina Reg^t. Major Ja^s. Ladson & Lieu^t. Benjⁿ. Postell of the 1st. South Carolina Reg^t. having resigned their Commissions are no longer to be considered as Cont^l. Officers

¹ No entries between October 9 and November 6.

12th. At a Gen^l. Court Martial where of Col^o. Horry was Pres^t. Conrad Bessinger a private Soldier in the 3^d. S. C. Reg^t. was tried for Desertion & found guilty & sentenced to be hanged by the Neck till dead—The Gen^l. approves the Sentence & orders it to be executed on Wednesday next between the hours of 9 & 11 in the forenoon.

At the same Court Cap^t. Lieu^t. Wilson & Lieu^t. Field both of the S^o. Carolina Reg^t. of Artillery were tried for absenting themselves from Camp & Duty on the 25th, 26th & 28th. of Octo^r. last without Leave & found guilty of the Charge, but the Court considering the particular Circumstances which induced them to overstay their Leave of Absence & the number of Days they have been under Arrest they think it a punishment adequate to the Offence & recommend that they be discharged from their Arrest & ordered to return to their Duty.

The Gen^l. approves the Sentence & expects the Officers will immediately return to their Duty.

The Gen^l. Court Martial of which Col^o. Horry was President is dissolved.

15th. The Gen^l. Court Martial ordered to sit on the 13th. Inst^t. not receiving any prisoners to try for want of Evidence & Crimes is dissolved & all Officers of the different Reg^{ts}. ordered to join their Corps.

Mr. W^m. Ross Commissary of Issues under Arrest for Disobedience of Orders & Neglect of Duty the 10th. Inst^t. is released from the same.

24th. Lieu^t. Wilson Glover of the 1st. Reg^t. having resigned his Commission is no longer to be considered as a Contin^l. Officer.

26th. Col^o. Pinckney, Col^o. Horry, Lt. Col^o. Harris Major Hogg & Cap^t. Felix Warley are appointed to sit tomorrow Morning at 10 o'clock as a Court to inquire into the Cause of the Deficiency in the Supply of Wood & Forage at Fort Moultrie & in Charles Town.

The pay Rolls of the different Reg^{ts}. are to be immediately made out to the 1st. of Dec^r. & hereafter they must be made Monthly.

A Captain from the N^o. Carolina Troops to be appointed for the Gen^l. Court Martial vice Cap^t. Warley who by leave cannot attend.

27th. Col^o. Mebane is appointed a Member of the Court ordered to sit to enquire into the Deficiency of Forage &c in the room of Lieu^t. Col^o. Harris.

29th. Lieut. Henry Hyrne of the 5th S^o. Carolina Reg^t. having resigned his Commission is no longer to be considered as a Cont^l. Officer.

Dec^r. 1st. 1779.

Complaint having been made that the Sick & wounded were neglected on their passage from Savannah to Charles Town, the Court appointed to enquire into the Cause of the Deficiency of Forage & of Wood are also to take Cognizance of that Neglect.

6th: The Gen^l. directs that no French Soldier or Sailor be inlisted into the Cont^l. Service until he has been previously carried before Mon^s. Plombard the French Consul & has obtained his certificate that he is not in the French Service.

7th. The Gen^l. Court Martial of which Col^o. Beekman is pres^t. have reported as follows—That Cap^t. Godfrey Forage Master arrested by Col^o. Malmady came prisoner before the Court Charged with having repeatedly neglected to supply the Cont^l. Horses with Hay, and particularly in the Morning of the 22^d Instant—To which (together with the 5th. Article of War of the 18th. Section under which his Office comes) he pleaded Not Guilty.

The Court having maturely weighed the Matter are of Opinion that Cap^t. Godfrey is guilty of neglect & do therefore Sentence him to be dismissed the Service of the United States—But as the neglect in the Office, appears to the Court to have originated with his superior Officer (whose Dictates he was obliged to submit to) and from Cap^t. Godfrey's reputed good character, be leave to recommend him to the General's known Clemency to be continued in Office.

The Sentence of the Court the Gen^l. approves of and assents to their recommendation relative to Cap^t. Godfrey's being continued in Office, from his general good Character he has reason to believe that he will hereafter support it as a good officer.

7th December 1779

Charles Town.

Tho^s. Wilson private in the 3^d. Reg^t. of N^o. Carolina was brought prisoner before the Court Charged by the Judge Advocate with being guilty of Desertion, to which Charge he pleaded not guilty—The Court are of Opinion that Thomas Wilson is guilty of the

Crime laid to his Charge & Sentenced to receive 100 Lashes on the bareback with a Cat o'nine Tails, but from his former good Character & behavior & this being his first offence, they recommend him to the General to have it mitigated or omitted.

The Gen^l. approves the Sentence & directs it to be executed tomorrow Morning at Guard mounting, as the reason assigned by the Court would not in his Opinion justify a Remission or mitigation of the Sentence.

(To be continued.)