

## HEAD-QUARTERS, GEORGIA.

LOUISVILLE, 25<sup>th</sup> August, 1805.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

**T**HE Major-Generals of the first, second and third divisions of the Militia of this State, who convened at this place on the 19<sup>th</sup> inst. for the purpose of fixing upon the cloathing and apparel of the Volunteer Corps throughout the State, and the uniform and badges of the different grades in the militia of the line, having made a report of their proceedings to the commander in chief—*It is ordered,*

That the same be published in the following Gazettes of this State, to wit:—The Louisville Gazette, Augusta Chronicle, Southern Patriot, Farmer's Gazette, and Monitor, that the Volunteer Corps throughout the State, and all officers in military commission, belonging thereto, may be informed of the cloathing and apparel, and the uniform and badges to be worn by them respectively, and equip themselves accordingly.

*By order of the Commander in Chief.*

GEO. R. CLAYTON, Sec'y.

LOUISVILLE, August 19, 1805.

IN pursuance of General Orders of the 5<sup>th</sup> inst. in the words following, viz:

## HEAD-QUARTERS, GEORGIA.

LOUISVILLE, 5<sup>th</sup> August, 1805.

### GENERAL ORDERS.

**T**HE 14<sup>th</sup> section of the Militia Law of this State, passed the 10<sup>th</sup> December, 1803, having enacted, that three years after the passing thereof, the cloathing and apparel of all Volunteer Corps, already raised, or to be raised, in conformity to the law of Congress, shall be uniform for each service throughout the State; and shall be determined on by the Major-Generals collectively, and that they shall also determine the uniform and badges of the different grades in the militia of the line; the Major-Generals of the first, second and third divisions of the militia of this State, will convene at this place, on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August instant, for the purpose of fixing upon and establishing the cloathing and apparel of the Volunteer Corps throughout the State, and the uniform and badges of the different grades in the militia of the line, agreeably to the intention of the aforementioned act.

*By order of the commander in Chief.*

GEO. R. CLAYTON, Sec'y.

The following Major-Generals met, to wit—Major-General James Jackson, of the first division, Major-General John Twiggs, of the second division, and Major-General John Clark, of the third division.—General Twiggs, as senior officer presided.

Colonel Abraham Jackson, and Major Joseph Hutchinson, were requested to act as secretaries.

The Board proceeded to the duties assigned them; and having read the law, and made progress, adjourned until to-morrow morning 11 o'clock.

*Tuesday, August 20, 1805.*

The board convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present as before,

Major-General Twiggs in the chair.

The board resumed their deliberations of yesterday, and having considered their powers, do ordain and establish the following regulations, to be in force for the uniform of the different services and grades of the militia of the State of Georgia, of which all officers and others concerned, are to take due notice.

### UNIFORM OF VOLUNTEERS.

#### *Service—Artillery.*

Long coat, blue—and long lappels, red—and red lining—nine buttons and buttons holes on each side—cuff and standing collar, red—five buttons and worked holes on each sleeve, slashed—also five buttons and worked button holes on the skirts—one to the collar—skirts hooked behind with blue hearts.—Buttons, yellow, with a rattle snake engraved or struck thereon.

Vest, white—buttons, small—yellow.

Pantaloons blue—edged down the outer seam, red—buttons also yellow.

Cocked hat and red plume—yellow button, loop and tassel, with a black rose cockade.

Half boots or black cloth gaiters.

Side arms—sabre—hung by a buff belt,

with a rattle snake on an oval gilt or brass plate as hereafter pointed out.

### DRAGOONS.

Short coat, green—to reach a little below the hips—facings, black—half lappels with five buttons, and holes on each lappel and three more below—to turn up at the outer corners of the skirts, faced with black—cuff and standing collar, one small button and hole each—cuff open at the side for the button, which, as above, will be yellow—lining same as the coat.

Vest and pantaloons, buff—same button, small—whole boots and spurs. Horseman's cap—covered with bear skin—plume white—Potter sword—belt and plate as in the Artillery.

### VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

Under which head are included all corps of Infantry of whatever denomination—Light Infantry, Rangers, Guards, &c. &c. (Rifle corps, only excepted) coat, blue—skirt to cover half the thigh—facings, red—short lappels—seven buttons and holes in each—cuff open at the side to button with one button—standing collar with a button and hole—lining same as the coat—shoulders half arm strapped with red—skirts hooked with red hearts—buttons white, with the rattle snake.

Vest, white—pantaloons blue—edged with red on the outer seam.

Half boots or black cloth gaiters.

Round hat—turned up on one side—plume white, tipped with red—white button, loop and tassel—black rose cockade.

Cross white belts for the cartridge boxes and bayonets—plate, with the rattle snake, white—on the bayonet belt.

### RIFLE CORPS.

Split shirt with a falling cape, to cover the shoulders—dyed purple—sleeves reaching to the hips—cape and front single fringed—bottom two rows.

Vest and pantaloons blue—Indian boots and moccasins.

Round hat, turned up on one side—white button, loop and tassel—with a buck's tail instead of a plume.

Officers and non-commissioned officers—same as their corps. Cloth for officers coats, except officers of the rifle corps, to be good broadcloth; and other parts of the dress in proportion. Side arms—sabre, or cut and thrust. Black stocks to be worn by all volunteer corps. No lace permitted of any kind, except epaulets, loop and tassels for hats and sword knots.

Music—coats reverse of their corps—other parts of dress the same.

Epaulets of officers of Artillery and Dragoons—gold. Sword handles, gilt or yellow mounted. Infantry, silver epaulets—steel, silver or white handle swords or cut-thrusts hung in belts, with plates, as before. Epaulets to be worn as pointed out for officers of the line.

### GRADES OF THE MILITIA.

#### STAFF.

Majors-General. Coats long, blue—faced with buff, and buff lining—long lappels—nine gilt buttons, with button holes on each lappel—long stiff falling cape. Cuffs round, with four large buttons and worked button holes for each. Pocket flaps, the same. Cuffs to open at the sides and button with two small buttons—all the buttons to have the rattle snake—skirts hooked behind with blue hearts.

Vest, and small clothes or pantaloons—buff—small gilt buttons.

Whole and half boots and spurs.

Epaulets, gold—with two stars on each. Side arms—sabre, small sword or cut and thrust—gilt or yellow mounted, to be hung by a black belt under the coat. On the part of the belt over the breast, a gilt oval plate with the coiled rattle snake engraved thereon, emblematical of the Georgia Militia, it being the colours under which they first fought in the Revolutionary War, with honor to themselves and their country. The word "Georgia" to be engraved over the snake, and the words "don't tread on me" below it. The snake on all the buttons is to be struck as a distinguishing badge for the same reason.

Cocked hat—plume, white—gilt button, loop and tassel—black rose cockade. Army sash.

Brigadiers-General. The same as the Majors-General, except the stars—only one on each epaulet being allowed; and the plume—white which is to be black.

Adjutant-General. Same as Brigadiers, but the plume, which is to be white tipped with green.

Aids-de-Camp, if of the line or volunteer corps, the uniform of the corps they belong to---if not of any corps, the uniform of the General in whose family they serve---except the epaulets, which are to be plain without stars, and the plume which is to be white tipped with green.

Military Secretaries and Brigade Majors. The same uniform as the Aids.

Brigade Quarter Masters, Commissaries, &c. Plain blue coat, yellow buttons with the rattle snake---cocked hat and black cockade. Buff vest and pantaloons---boots and spurs. Side arms---cutteaux.

## FIELD OFFICERS.

Coat---long blue, red facings---long lapels---nine buttons and holes in each---white lining---falling cape with one button---cocks round with four buttons and worked holes, and four to the pocket flaps---hooked behind with red hearts. Buttons, white---with the rattle snake.

Vest, white---blue pantaloons edged with red on the outer seams.

Army sash. Whole or half boots with spurs.

Side arms---cut and thrust, small sword or sabre---white mounted. Epaulets---plain silver.

Cocked hat---silver button, loop and tassel---black rose cockade---plume, white tipped with red.

Captains. Same as field officers---except one epaulet only on the right shoulder, strap on the left; and without spurs.

Lieutenants. Same---one epaulet on the left shoulder, strap on the right.

Ensigns. Same---one epaulet on the left shoulder.

Regimental Staff---such as Paymaster, Quartermaster, Surgeon, &c. Plain blue coat---white vest and pantaloons, and boots. Cutteau---plain. Cocked hat and black cockade.

Side arms of officers of the line, to be all hung by a black belt, which is to have the oval plate, with the rattle snake, pointed out for the Major Generals---the plate to be silver. And every captain and subaltern, serving as such, to appear in the field with an esponton.

Adjutants, if of the line, the uniform of the grade they belong to---if not, the uniform of a subaltern.

Serjeant Majors and serjeants---uniform of their corps---the former, two silk, cotton or worked fringed epaulets, one on each shoulder---the latter, one on the right shoulder. Corporals, one on the left.

The Board taking into consideration the state of the militia of the line, feel themselves unauthorised to prescribe any particular uniform; but they earnestly recommend to the privates of the militia, to go to the expence of a plain blue short coat, which they can wear in the field, as on any particular private occasion.

And the Board also recommend to the Legislature to contract for the striking of a sufficient quantity of buttons, with the rattle snake thereon, for the whole militia of Georgia, and to distribute them to such of the militia of the line as will furnish coats.

The Board also earnestly request the attention of the Legislature to the provision of a sufficient quantity of arms for the whole of the militia of Georgia. No nation can expect to be always in peace, and in case of a rupture, the militia of the state could not enter the field on so respectable a footing, as those of other states, which have provided for this object: no one will deny but that an efficient militia is the surest safe guard of our General and State Constitutions, and of the liberties of the citizens at large, and that without it, a standing army, the bane of all free governments, becomes necessary.

JOHN TWIGGS, M. G.

JAMES JACKSON, M. G.

JOHN CLARK, M. G.

Attest,

ABRAHAM JACKSON, }  
JOSEPH HUTCHINSON, } Secy's

## AFTER ORDERS

Uniform of the Quarter-Master-General---long blue coat edged with buff---buff lining---buff vest and pantaloons or small cloathes.

Whole or half boots with spurs.

Cocked hat---black cockade and green plume.

Side arms---cutteau. Belt and buttons

...same as the General Officers.

JOHN TWIGGS, M. G.

JAMES JACKSON, M. G.

JOHN CLARK, M. G.

Attest,

ABRAHAM JACKSON,

JOSEPH HUTCHINSON,

} Sec<sup>ys</sup>

August 21, 1805.