COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

HEAD QUARTERS, Cambridge, July 1st, 1811.

General Orders.

The Commander in Chief having taken into consideration the subject of Election Returns made of Platoon Officers in the Militia, chosen from Districts of other Companies, is of opinion, which is confirmed by the Council,—That in the choice of a Captain or Subaltern, the electors are by law confined to the District of the respective Company—of a Field Officer, to the District of the respective Regiment or Battalion—and of a Brigadier General, to the District of the respective Brigade. All militia officers will notice this and conduct accordingly. And to prevent contentions in elections, Company vacancies are hereafter to be filled, and the Officers elect to be commissioned, before any choice is made of Field Officers for the respective Regiment or Battalion; and every vacancy in these in like manner is to be supplied, before any choice is made of a Brigadier General for the respective Brigade. In all Orders for Elections, an hour should be fixed, before which no votes are to be received for any candidate for a Militia Office; and every legal vote offered for the choice of an Officer in the Militia is to be received, if presented before a declaration of the choice; and a reasonable time should be allowed for Electors to give in their votes.

The public safety requiring adequate supplies of Military Stores, every Brigade Quarter Master will faithfully discharge the duties assigned him, for the attainment of this object, by the 22d section of the Militia Law of this State. And the Adjutant General will make report to the Commander in Chief of the performance or neglect of this important trust.

By Order of the Commander in Chief.

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Adjutant General.