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WESTERN REGIMENT  
MID-LOTHIAN VOLUNTEER INFANTRY.

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Edinburgh, 9th July, 1808.

The Right Honourable the Secretary of State having transmitted his Majesty's commands, dated the 5th current, that a Return of the names of such part of the Western Regiment of Lothian Volunteer Infantry, willing to transfer their present service to that of Local Militia, be transmitted to the Lord Lieutenant of the county, the Commanding Officers, that every means will be used by the officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, to enable him to obey the same with all expedition.

The annexed Abstract of the Service required from, and Allowances granted to the Local Militia, sufficiently explains the nature of it.

**TERMS of SERVICE** required from the **LOCAL MILITIA VOLUNTEERS** and the **ALLOWANCES** to be granted them by **GOVERNMENT**, by the Act 48 GEO. III. cap. 150.

**SERVICE**

THE general nature of the service, resembles that of the Regular Militia in time of peace; and every rule and regulation relative to them, in so far as they can be applied, are applicable to the Local Militia.

The only difference between the Local Militia and Volunteer Service, is, that in place of a man being allowed to leave the corps, or absent himself from drill, upon any whim or caprice, which sometimes happens, he must engage to serve regularly for four years certain; and if, from change of residence, it becomes necessary for a man to leave it, he must give regular and timeous notice of such his intention to the commanding officer; and on being discharged therefrom, must join the Local Militia of his new residence, and serve for the remainder of the four years.

The Local Militia shall perform not more than 28 days duty in the year, exclusive of days of assembly and return, which may be at two periods of the year, at such times as, from the local situation of the county, particularly as it regards husbandry, may be considered most convenient. The place of duty to be within the county, or not farther than the adjoining one, during which time the regiment will be under martial law, in the same way as volunteers presently are when on permanent duty. In regard to invasion or insurrection happening, the service is the same as the volunteers, viz. to Great Britain.

All deficiencies to be filled up by ballot.

## ALLOWANCES.

Each volunteer receives, over and above all other allowances, a present of two guineas; but the balloted man does not.

Each person serving in the Local Militia, shall, on being assembled for training, be entitled to the sum of one guinea for the first year, and half a guinea for each of the succeeding years, for the purpose of providing and keeping up necessaries; which sums shall be deposited in the hands of their respective captains, who shall account therefor, and pay to each man such balance as may be in his hands, at the end of each period, for which such sum shall have been respectively paid.

When assembled for training, to have the same allowances as regular Militia, besides the subsistence and allowance of regulars on the days of assembly and return. Their wives and families to have the like relief, as granted at present to those of Militia and Volunteers, when on permanent duty.

During the four years service in the Local Militia, each person is exempted from serving in the Regular Militia, and for two years more after the conclusion of the four years service; nor can any man be called upon again to serve in the Local Militia, until by rotation it shall come to his turn, which is in effect an exemption for Life.

No apprentice, nor servant, by serving under this act, shall affect or make void any indenture of apprenticeship or contract of service between any person or servant, notwithstanding of any agreement or covenant therein contained; nor shall his service under the Local Militia act be deemed or taken to be an absence from his service, or a breach of his agreement.

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