

that the authority to make the call, is imposed to Major General, Brigadier General, Colonel, Lieutenant Colonel, Major, Captain, or Lieutenant, or any other officer of a Regiment, Battalion or Extra Battalion. These officers it would appear have power to order out a portion of the Cavalry as well as Infantry belonging to the several Districts. The purchases by the Executive of Swords and Pistols, are made by virtue of a Resolution, which only authorizes the purchase of one hundred Swords and as many Pistols, in each year. Whether in the present state of the Country, more ought to be purchased, is a question the decision of which more properly belongs to the Legislature than the Executive. The orders for the year have been made but they will not be ready for delivery for some time. When received the application from your District will not be forgotten. I am &c.
Colonel Francis Newman. Leven Winded

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I received yours of the twenty first instant on the subject of the station of Captain Thompson's Troop in your Regiment, I am sorry any doubt should have arisen on the subject which should have a tendency to destroy the harmony of the Regiment. I presume from your letter there is no objection to Captain Thompson holding the rank in the Regiment which he formerly did, but the objection is to the station of the Troop. In determining this question we must not have a view to this particular case only, but to all cases that may arise hereafter on the subject of rank. Suppose the officers of a Regiment appointed and the Captain youngest in appointment should recruit his company before the eldest should have recruited a Man. Should he therefore conclude that the senior Captain would be deprived of his station on the right of the Regiment or in the instance of Captain Bowditch who now it seems has no troop, and is the oldest Captain claiming the right, if he should recruit his troop would he thereby be thrown into the Centre and lose his station. This I presume will not be contended for by any person. It is I believe uniformly the practice that the date of the Commission gives rank to the Company and every officer looking forward to the period when his station may be changed in the Regiment would acquire in this arrangement. A situation just that a senior Captain should take his station on the right of the Regiment, it is thought that his troop should go with him if they were recruited even yesterday. It would have afforded me much pleasure if this difference of opinion could have been accommodated without my opinion being asked for, more especially as those gentlemen