

REGULATIONS

*Capt. Jno. Alexander's* FOR THE *Alexander's*  
*Book*  
Order and Discipline

OF THE

TROOPS

OF THE

UNITED STATES.

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PART I.

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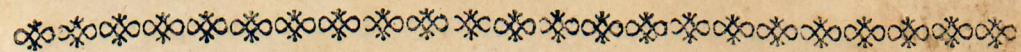
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In CONGRESS, 29th March, 1779.

CONGRESS judging it of the greatest importance to prescribe some invariable rules for the order and discipline of the troops, especially for the purpose of introducing an uniformity in their formation and manœuvres, and in the service of the camp:

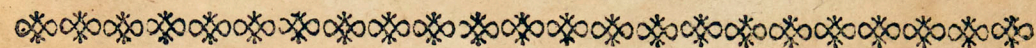
ORDERED, That the following regulations be observed by all the troops of the United States, and that all general and other officers cause the same to be executed with all possible exactness.

By Order,

JOHN JAY, PRESIDENT.

*Attest.*

CHARLES THOMPSON,  
Secretary.



## CHAPTER II.

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**T**HE officers and non-commissioned officers of each regiment, are to be perfectly acquainted with the manual exercise, marchings and firings, that they may be able to instruct their soldiers when necessary; they must also be acquainted with the dress, discipline, and police of the troops, and with every thing that relates to the service.

The commanding officer of each regiment is to be answerable for the general instruction of the regiment, and is to exercise, or cause to be exercised, the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, whenever he thinks proper.

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(Plate I. Figure 1.)

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Fourth captain's

Major's.

Third Captain's.

Lieutenant colonel's.

Fifth captain's.

Second captain's.

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EXPLANATION

- ♠ Captain
- ♣ Lieutenant
- ♣ Ensign
- ♣ Ensign w. Colours

FIG. I.

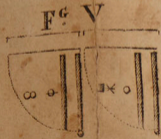


EXPLANATION

- ♣ 1<sup>st</sup> Sergeant
- ♣ Sergeant
- Corporal
- ✱ ✱ Drum & Fife Major
- ▲ ✱ Drummer & Fifer



F<sup>o</sup> II



F<sup>o</sup> III

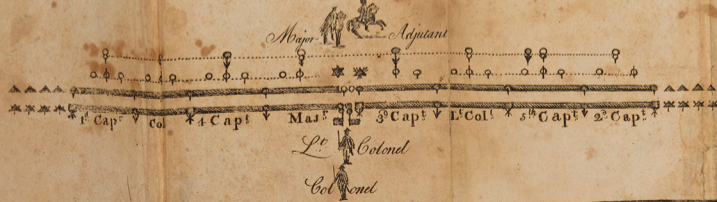
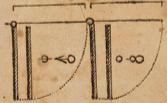
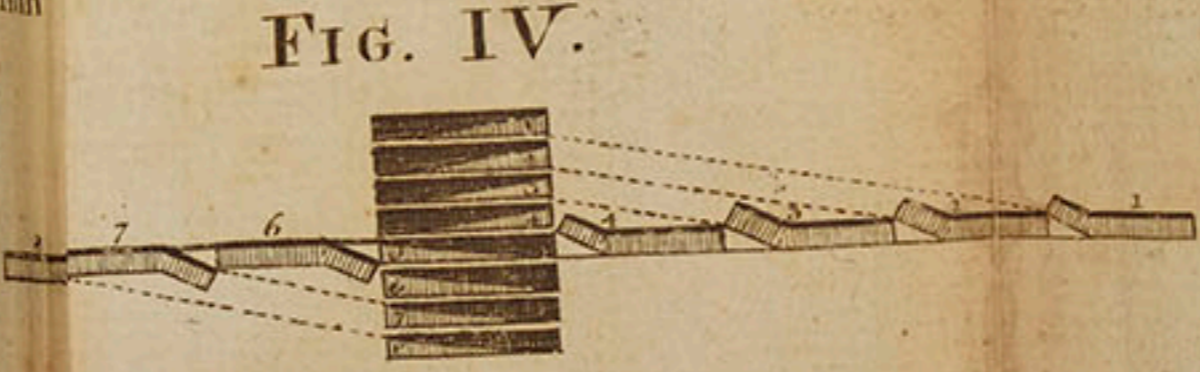
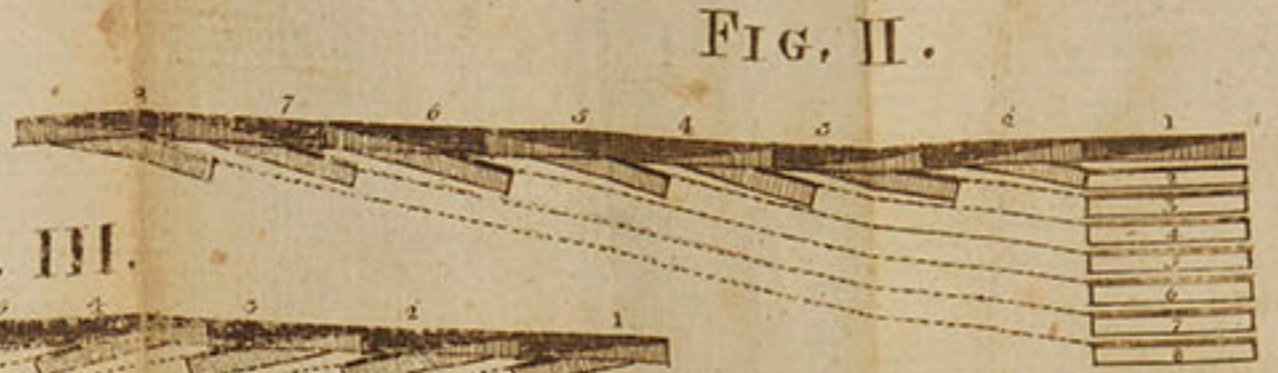


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