

their soul and conscience to appraise and estimate everything as quickly as possible, and have signed with us, the civil and military Commandant, acting in the absence of a notary. (Signed) Vallé, John Dodge, Pratte, Louis Largeau, Delorier, François Leclerc, Antonio de Oro

ORDERS FOR DETROIT MILITIA

Ordres Circulaires au Corps de Milice du district de detroit

Son Excellence my Lord Dorchester a jugé a propos d'ordonner que les Milices de ce district soient formé dans un Regiment, et réglé en toutes façons selon l'Ordonnance de la Province pour cet effet, et que ce Corps consiste d'un Lieu^t Colonel, d'un Major, et chaque Compagnie d'un Capitaine, deux Lieutenants, et un Ensigne. Et comme il a plus a sa Seigneurie de nommer Duperon Baby Ecuyer Lieu^t Colonel Commandant, et le Capitaine M^cGregor Major de ce Regiment, il est ordonné a tous les Officiers et autres Miliciens de les reconnoitre et leur obeir comme tels.

La Compagnie de la Ville etant trop nombreuse, sera divisé en deux, dont le Sieur Jean Askin est nommé Capitaine d'une, les Sieurs Jaque Baby et George Meldrum les Lieutenants, et les Sieurs Jean Martin Sen^r et Angus M^cIntosh Ensigns pour les deux Compagnies.

Sa Seigneurie a confirmé les Commissions des Autres Officiers comme elles sont, et a envoyé une Commisson d'Ensign pour chaque Compagnie, qui seront remisent a chaque

to Detroit. Here he purchased a house, engaged in trade, and endured long imprisonment at the hands of Governor Hamilton, supposedly by reason of his sympathy for the colonial cause. In 1778 he was sent down to Quebec, whence he succeeded in escaping to the American side. In 1779 was published at Philadelphia a narrative of his captivity at Detroit and elsewhere which attracted wide attention, and the charges made in it against Governor Hamilton were the basis for the harsh treatment of the latter by the Virginia authorities while he underwent imprisonment at Williamsburg. Dodge subsequently made his way to the Illinois country, where the remoteness from civilization and the unsettled conditions following the war afforded a fertile field for the exercise of his peculiar talents. After a stormy career here, he sought refuge on the Spanish side of the river in 1787; he died in the vicinity of Ste. Genevieve prior to the year 1800. His captivity narrative was reprinted at Cedar Rapids in 1909, under the editorship of C. M. Burton. See, also, C. W. Alvord, *The Illinois Country, 1673-1818* (Springfield, 1920), *passim*.