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CONSTITUTION

MORGAN RIFLES.

ARTICLE 1. This Company shall be known and designated as "THE MORGAN RIFLES."

ARTICLE 2. It shall be the duty of the Captain to preside at all meetings of the company, decide all points of order, subject to appeal to the meeting, and perform all such duties as may appertain to his office. In the absence of the Captain his place shall be supplied by senior officer present.

ARTICLE 3. It shall be the duty of the Orderly Sergeant to keep a correct roll of the company, to call the same at parades and drills, and to report all defaulters. It shall also be his duty to divide the Company into four equal squads, and furnish each corporal with a roll of members, to be summoned by them for any parade or drill ordered by the commanding officer.

ARTICLE 4. A Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by ballot at every anniversary meeting. His duties shall be to keep a correct roll of the present members of the corps, together with a list of those who have been members since its formation; he shall attend all meetings of the company and call the roll, shall keep the minutes book, keep a correct copy of the constitution, and carefully note any alterations made therein; which copy he shall have with him at every meeting, &c.; shall keep the account books of the company, and hold the same subject only to the orders of the officer commanding.

ARTICLE 5. The regular meetings of the company shall be held at such hall as hereafter may be selected, on the 3d Saturday of every month, at early candle lighting. And at such meetings fifteen members shall form a quorum.

ARTICLE 6. The anniversary of this company shall be celebrated on the 17th January, in commemoration of the Battle of Cowpens, by parading and target practice. In case the 17th of January should fall on Sunday, the anniversary shall be celebrated on the Saturday preceding.

ARTICLE 7. The following shall be the Regular Parade Days of the Company, at which time the members shall appear at the hour designated:
Twenty-second February, at 10 o'clock.
Second Saturday in May, at 8 o'clock.
Third Saturday in August, at 7 o'clock.
Last Saturday in October, at 10 o'clock.
Second Saturday in Dec. at 10 o'clock.

ARTICLE 8. All persons desiring to become members of this Company must be proposed at one of the monthly meetings, and a vote of two thirds shall be necessary to his election.

ARTICLE 9. No member shall be allowed to withdraw from the company without giving six months' notice, and settling up all fines and arrears due by him to the company.

ARTICLE 10. At every regular meeting the roll shall be called at the opening of the meeting, and the absentees noted by the secretary; and the following shall be the schedule of fines for non-attendance at company meetings:
Commissioned officers, each \$1.00
Sergeants, " " 15
Corporals and privates, " 15
Secretary, " 1.00

ARTICLE 11. At any regular meeting of the company any member may be fined or expelled by two thirds of the members present for repeated intoxication, aggravated misconduct, or any act disgraceful to the character of a soldier or citizen—speaking disrespectfully of the company, refusing to comply with its rules, or acting inimical to its interests.

ARTICLE 12. When informed of the death of a member, the commanding officer shall order the company to parade and bury him with military honors, if not contrary to the wishes of the friends of the deceased; and every member who attends the funeral shall provide himself with a piece of black crape, to be worn on the left arm during the service.

ARTICLE 13. The company shall have extra parades and drills at such times and places as the commanding officer shall designate.

ARTICLE 14. The signing of the Constitution shall be an essential condition of membership.

ARTICLE 15.—FINES.
COMMISSIONED OFFICERS.
For non-attendance at anniversary or extra parades and drills : \$1.50
For non-attendance at regular parades 2.00
For deficiency in dress, each article, 50

OTHER SERGEANTS.
For non-attendance at anniversary and extra parades : : \$1.00
For non-attendance at drills, : : 1.00
For non-attendance at regular parades 1.00
For deficiency in dress, each article, 25

CORPORALS.
For non-attendance at anniversary and extra parades : : \$1.00
For non-attendance at drills, : : 75
For non-attendance at regular parades 1.00
For not summoning his squads, each man, : : 25
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a very little dirty room; with bare walls, no sheets nor canopy to his bed, but the same quilt that lies under him turns up over him, and so covers him. . . .

His writing-table is of a slit deal, with only a stick to support it; and instead of a stand, a wooden thing, with a sand-box of the same. He has a fine gilt bible by his bedside, the only thing that looks fine in his equipage. He is a very handsome man, well shaped, and a very good face, no stern countenance; but he is very whimsical and positive, which makes all the allies afraid of him; for he resists himself and his army as easily as another would fight a duel.

From the same source we derive knowledge of a Welch custom unknown to us, but upon which some bookworm may have fallen:

"Tho. Morgan, gent, writ a little thing, printed in quarto, called 'The Welchman's Jubilee,' to the honour of St. David. Showing the manner of that solemn celebration which the Welchmen annually hold in honour of St. David; describing likewise the true and real cause why they wear that day a Leek in their hats, with an excellent merry sonnet annexed into it. He thinks the true reason of wearing the leek is because St. David always, when he went into the field in martial exercise, carried a leek with him; and being once almost faint to death, he immediately remembered himself of the leek, and by that means not only preserved his life, but also came off victorious."

Those who oppose the practice of smoking, may concede some virtue to it after reading what follows:

"I have been told, that in the last great plague at London none that kept tobaccoists' shops had the plague. It is certain that smoking is a good preservative, in so much that children were obliged to smook. And I remember that I heard formerly Tom Rogers, who was a common beadle, say that when he was that year, when the plague raged, a school boy at Eaton, all the boys of that school were obliged to smook in the school every morning; and that he was never whipped so much in his life as he was one morning for not smooking."

From the complaints so prevalent at this day among reluctant church-goers, we infer that sermons of equal brevity with that mentioned below would exactly suit their patience and memories:

"Last Sunday, in the afternoon preached at St. Peter's in the East, Oxon, before the university, Mr. Will. Peckie, Fellow of St. John's College. It was remarkable that his sermon was not above five minutes long, or very little more, and that it was shorter than his prayer. This Mr. Peckie is a very good scholar, and was formerly a studious man."

The custom chronicled below would furnish rare sport for the hooped dandies of our day:

"It seems, on Monday after Whitsun week, there is a fat live lamb provided; and the maids of the town, having their thumbs tied behind them, run after it; and she that with her mouth takes and holds this lamb, is declared lady of the lamb, which, being dressed with the skin hanging on, is carried on a long pole before the lady and her companions to the Green, attended with music and a morose dance of men, and another of women, when the rest of the day is spent in dancing, mirth and jollity. The next day, the lamb is part baked, part boiled and roasted, for the ladies' feast, where she sits majestically (and much respect is shown to her) at the upper end of the table, and her companions with her, with music and other attendants, which ends the solemnity. Mr. Blount does not tell us the reason of this custom, but I am told it is upon account of the inhabitants being toll-free in Oxford and other places. I was told yesterday that the same custom formerly belonged to Wighlham (Wydham) in Berks."

Many persons suppose the excesses of this age are greater than in those past. Perhaps this is, in the general, not; but it results rather from the greater facility for indulgence than a worse moral condition in persons. The anecdotal incident could scarcely be paralleled at this day:

"Yesterday, at two o'clock in the forenoon, was a smooking match ever again; the theatre in Oxford, a scaffold being put up for it just in Finsbury, an alchemist, the conditions were that any one (man or woman) that could smook out three ounces of tobacco fire without drinking or going off the stage, should have twelve shillings. Many tried, and twice thought that a journeyman tailor, of St. Peter's in the East, would have been victor, his smooking faster than, and being many pipes before the rest; but at last he was so sick that he was thought he would have died; and an old man, that had been a soldier, and smooked gently, came off conqueror, smooked the three ounces quite out; and he told one (from whom I had it) that after he smooked four or five pipes the same evening."

Some readers of English history may remember Fair Rosamond and the incidents of her life. This account will afford a portrait, and also exhibit her costume:

"Samuel Gale, Esq., writes me, and in a letter dated in London the 31st instant, that he had lately and accidentally purchased an antique, but fine, picture of the beautiful Rosamond. 'Tis painted on a panel of wainscot, and represents her in a three-quarter proportion, dressed in the habit of the times, a straight-bodied gown of changeable red velvet, with large square sleeves of black flowered damask facings, turned up above the bend of her arms, and close sleeves of pearl-colored satin puffed out, but buttoned at the wrist, appearing from under the large ones. She has several rings set with precious stones on her fingers. The hair covered with a fine

flowed linnen, gathered close at the neck, like a ruff. Her face is charmingly fair with a fine blush in her cheeks; her hair, of a dark brown, parted with a seam from the middle of her forehead upwards under her coiffeure, which is very plain; but a gold lace appears about it, and that covered with a cap of black silk. She is looking very intently on the fatal cup, which she holds in one hand and the cover in the other, as going to drink it. Before her is a table covered with black damask, on which there lies a prayer book open, with in the antique black character. The whole piece is extremely well preserved. Mr. Gale takes it to have been done about Henry the Seventh's time."

Birth-Place of Washington, &c.

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—I was this morning at the birth-place of George Washington! It has been my privilege, in years past, to visit the natal abodes of Columbus, Shakespeare, Napoleon, and others who have played prominent parts in the great drama of life, yet the emotions then awakened were felt indeed compared with those which quicken my pulse as I accomplished a long-protracted pilgrimage to the first home of him whose name makes every American heart beat with patriotic homage. Our wandering legislators, in their contests for political power and partisan plunder, have left the hallowed spot where the existence of Washington commenced, like that where it terminated, and where his mortal remains repose in peace—unhonored. The plough-share annually passes over the site of the birth-place of him whose subsequent theatre of action was our then infant Republic, and there are but a few chance visitors to the play grounds of a child whose subsequent deeds of manhood were, in peace as in war, the highest examples of human wisdom and patriotic virtue to all mankind. Yet his glory (to use the words of Daniel Webster) is as durable as his principles, as lasting as truth, and virtue themselves. While the hundreds whom party excitement and temporary circumstances, and casual combinations, have raised into transient notoriety, sink again, like their bubbles, bursting and dissolving into the great ocean, Washington's fame is like the rock which bounds that ocean, and at whose feet its billows are destined to break harmlessly forever."

It is incorrectly stated by most of the biographers of Washington that he was born in the homestead on Bridge's creek, in a house which had probably been purchased with the property. Yet had any one of them visited the birth-place they would not have thus erred in its location.