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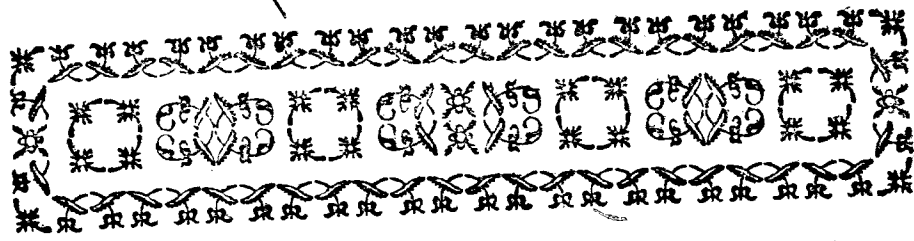
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I T seems absolutely necessary to make some apology for the delay of the publication of this work, after having so long ago promised it to the public; and to account for its being at present published incompleat. Our first intent was to give only the manual exercise with the explanations, and an introduction, containing a short history of exercise, and our reasons for the alterations which we had made: we afterwards enlarged our plan, thinking it would be of no small use to our Officers, to give them some directions as to the manner of teaching the exercise, marching, wheeling, and exercising by single companies; and also to form a plan for the exercise of the whole battalion in Whitfun-week. This led us into a much greater detail than we were at first aware of; and the work was only sketched out, and scarcely dead coloured, when we lost the first promoter, and I may say the life and soul of our undertaking; who was called abroad, to prove the reality of his truly noble and patriot spirit, in a distant and dangerous service. The care then of finishing and publishing this work, devolved chiefly on me; but my own very infirm state of health, and our continual avocations in attending the exercise of the companies of militia, joined to unexpected and unavoidable

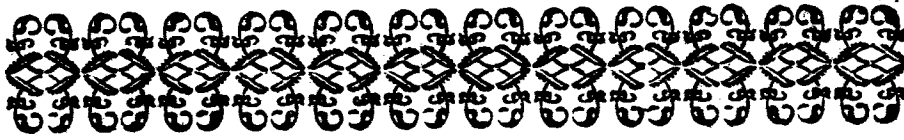
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ble impediments from the press; rendered it impossible for us to get it ready for publication so soon as we intended: and our being immediately after the Whitsun-week exercise was over, ordered out into actual service, has been an invincible obstacle to our completing the third part, relating to the exercise of the whole battalion, the firings, evolutions, &c. in the manner we could have wished. For this reason we have chosen to postpone it for the present, and give only the two first parts; which having by experience found to be useful, we may venture to recommend, to the militia officers of such counties, as chuse to adopt our plan of exercise and discipline: though we propose publishing the third part also, with all convenient speed: and we hope that the experience which we shall gain by having our men together, and by exercising almost daily in battalion, will enable us to correct, and make it much more perfect than we at first were capable of doing; especially as we have at present, the advantage of frequent opportunities of seeing two regiments\*, justly celebrated for the excellency and exactness of their discipline; whose officers with the most open and engaging politeness imaginable, are always ready to communicate to us, whatever information we are desirous of having, and to assist us with their advice and instruction.

\* The 67th, and 72d.

Hillsea Barracks,  
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