

## EXTRACTS

From the Record of the "proceedings of a Division Court Martial, holden at Worthington, in the County of Hampshire, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts," on the 12th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1811.

The Court was "constituted as follows, viz.

Lt. Col. RICHARD E. NEWCOMB, *President.*

Maj. Henry Taylor,  
Capt. Gideon Moody,  
Capt. Luke Carter,  
Lt. Sylvester Day,  
Lt. Christopher Arms,  
Ens. William Burnet,

Maj. Solomon Warriner,  
Capt. Joseph Billings,  
Capt. Simeon Chapin,  
Lt. Medad Squires,  
Lt. Henry Stevens,  
Ens. Washington Lyon.

Maj. JONATHAN H. LYMAN, *Judge Advocate.*

Adj't. FREDERICK DICKINSON, *Marshal*

PRESERVED BARTLETT, *Orderly Serjeant.*"

Adj't. William Ward of the 4th Reg't. 2d Brigade, was arraigned on the following charge exhibited against him by Lieut. Col. Patrick Bryant, of the same Regiment.

### "CHARGE."

"A Fraud upon the election of Captain, in the North Company of infantry in Worthington, on the first day of May, A. D. 1810, in knowingly and deceitfully receiving a vote from a person not qualified to vote in said election, and counting and reporting the same to the presiding officer of said election, as a true and legal vote—in violation of the third section of the militia law of this Commonwealth, and of the first article of the thirty-fourth section of the same law."

(Signed)

"PATRICK BRYANT."

"To which the defendant pleaded *not guilty*"

The Court then proceeded to the trial, which occupied three days. Having completed their investigation, the Marshal by direction cleared the room of spectators.

"After mature deliberation, the following question was put by the Judge Advocate to each of the members, beginning with the lowest in grade—From the evidence which has been adduced both for and against Adj't. William Ward, and from what has been offered, are you of opinion that he is *guilty* or *not guilty* of the specification of charge exhibited against him by Lt. Col. Bryant?"

"The Court decided, that of the specification of charge exhibited against him by the said Lieut. Col. Bryant, the said Adj't. Ward is *not guilty*: and that he is honorably acquitted thereof; and that the said charge is *frivolous, vexatious, and wholly without foundation.*"

(Signed)

"RICHARD E. NEWCOMB, *President.*

"JONATHAN H. LYMAN, *Judge Advocate.*"