



Military Matters

Devizes

Militia Stores, Hospital and a New Commission

We understand that the field on the right of the road between the Seend turnpike gate and the Prison Bridge has been selected as the spot on which the intended new Militia stores &c are to be erected; and that as soon as the necessary arrangements can be made, the work will be commenced. The house in the Brittox, formerly occupied by Mr Tabois has also been taken for a hospital. The force will assemble in Devizes on the 4th of April (not the first, as mentioned in our last) – in what number we are unable to say as volunteers continue to offer themselves daily to regiments of the line, by whom they are readily accepted and drafted off. The number of young men who have left our local force for the more active service of regular military life since the last training is, we believe, little short of one third of the whole enrolment. Capt Bathurst, brother of Sir Frederick Bathurst, has, we hear, accepted a commission in the corps. A smart little band of drummers and fifers has been under tuition since the last appearance of the Militia in Devizes; and this important accompaniment to a regiment of soldiers will impart an additional gaiety to the force during its stay in our town next month.

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