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# COMPANY AND BATTALION DRILL,

EXPLAINED IN DETAIL, ACCORDING TO

THE SYSTEM OF THE FIELD EXERCISE, AND EVOLUTIONS  
OF THE ARMY;

TOGETHER WITH

## Guard Mounting and Relief of Sentries:

FOR THE USE AND INSTRUCTION OF THE

### HONORABLE ARTILLERY COMPANY.

BY THEIR ASSISTANT ADJUTANT,

### WILLIAM HENRY SNELL,

*Formerly of the Bombay Army.*

IN TWO PARTS.

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*Part I.—COMPANY DRILL, and GUARD MOUNTING.*

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HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS  
THE PRINCE ALBERT, K.G., K.T.,  
*&c. &c. &c.*

Captain General and Colonel of the Honorable Artillery Company.

SIR,

THE desire manifested by Your Royal Highness, since assuming command of the Honorable Artillery Company, to promote its discipline and efficiency, induced me, in the humble hope of forwarding that desire, to write the following pages.

Sensible of the honor of their having so far met Your Royal Highness's approval as to have obtained for me permission to dedicate them to Your Royal Highness, and trusting they may be found to promote the desired advancement,

I am, SIR,

With the most profound respect,

Your Royal Highness's

Very humble and most faithful Servant,

W. H. SNELL,  
*Assistant Adjutant, H.A.C.*

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## PREFACE.

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THE object of these pages, which form the first part of a work more particularly addressed to the Honorable Artillery Company, is to shew the place of each person in every manœuvre, and thus present a perfect and harmonious system of instruction, which shall be of service, not only to the instructor, but to the recruit.

Several works similar in design have already appeared. The author, therefore, does not claim attention on the score of originality, but on the fact that no pains have been spared to elucidate obscurity, and remove every obstacle to the perfect comprehension of the instructions conveyed, and the rules laid down in it.

The Field Exercise is the basis of the work, and the text of that book has been preserved as far as possible. The best military authors have also been consulted, and every regard had to the correctness of the most minute details.