Title: First Lincoln Militia Regimental orders, November 19, 1838

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Summary of Contents: A copy of First Lincoln Militia Regimental orders, dated at Niagara, 19 November 1838. The orders read as follows: “The Regiment will assemble on the Commons opposite Queen Street, on Thursday the 22nd inst. at 12 o’clock, noon; every man, including the Troop of Cavalry, Fire and Dock Companies, to be present. Any person having arms and accoutrements in possession will have them on parade. By order of the Commanding Officer. Robert Kay, Captain & Adjutant.”

A handwritten note below the orders reads: “N.B. Please have the Company warned immediately.” The orders are dated during the tumultuous period of rebellions in 1837-1838 in Upper Canada.

Physical Description / Condition: 1 sheet, 32.5 x 20.5

Other Notes: A desire for democratic reform brought about the rebellions in 1837-1838 in Upper Canada. William Lyon Mackenzie, one of the more extreme leaders of the reform movement, organized an armed rebellion in Toronto in December of 1837 (at Montgomery’s Tavern). The rebels were quickly dispersed by the militia and soldiers, but another uprising subsequently occurred near Brantford a few days later. The uprisings continued in 1838, occurring at Pelee Island in Lake Erie in February, at Short Hills in June, Prescott in November, and Windsor in December. These rebellions were swiftly extinguished, and ceased altogether by 1839. Government reform followed over the next decade with the union of Upper and Lower Canada into one colony in 1841, and the introduction of responsible government between 1841 and 1848.

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