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In order to prevent misapplication of the Honorary badges of distinction to be conferred on the Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers in consequence of long and faithful service, through any mistake or misapprehension of the order of the 7th instant — the General thinks proper to inform the Army, that they are only attainable by an uninterupted series of faithful and honorable services — a soldier who has once retired from the field of Glory forfeits all pretensions to precedence from former services, and a man who has deservedly met an ignominious punishment or degradation cannot be admitted a Candidate for honorary Distinction, unless he shall have wiped away the stain his reputation has suffered by some very brilliant achievement, or by serving with reputation after his disgrace the number of years which entitle other men to that indulgence — The Badges which Non Commissioned Officers and Soldiers are permitted to wear on the left arm as a mark of long and faithful service are to be ^{of} the same Colour with the facings ~~with~~ the Corps they belong to, and not white in every instance as directed in the Order of the 7th instant.

The pay rolls of the Army are in future to be sent in regularly with the Musters, and those Corps which have not already sent in their pay rolls for past Musters are to do it immediately —

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