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NOTE ON EDITORIAL METHOD

THE militia lists are, on the whole, straightforward documents, some of them neatly and carefully written and laid out, others just the reverse. I have tried to edit them so that the character of the original is maintained so far as is possible. Spelling remains the same as on the lists, but capitalization has been adapted to modern usage. As far as possible the original punctuation on the lists has been retained—many have no punctuation at all, and some are punctuated in the wrong places—but certain additions and alterations have been made to assist the modern reader. Of these the most important is that where names are followed by an occupation, status or some information, the surname has been separated from the next word by a comma (e.g. George Leeson, servant; Samuel Thomson, infirm; Thomas Line, now a substitute). A name enclosed by < > indicates that it has been crossed off the list, the man concerned being exempted from service in the militia. The lists for the hundreds of Chipping Warden, Cleyley, Greens Norton, Kings Sutton and Towcester carry the signatures of two deputy lieutenants and one justice of the peace before whom, at the first subdivisional meeting, the constables made a statutory verification upon oath that their returns were accurate; these signatures, which are the same for each hundred, have been omitted from the transcription. Also omitted is a number which appears on many of the lists, and which represents the total of men liable for service from the parish concerned. Thus the signatures of two deputy lieutenants, Michael Wodhull and William H. Chauncy, and a justice of the peace, Charles Fox, and also the number of men liable for militia service, fourteen in this case, appear on the list for Adstone, illustrated opposite p. 53.