



Military Matters

Alvediston

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We are informed that Capt Hans Busk, who is well known in connection with the rifle movement, is now, together with a party of friends, on a visit to Mr William Day, of Alvediston, and will visit Salisbury on Wednesday next, in order to be present at the review on that day. This gentleman, according to the Times, "was unquestionably the earliest and most strenuous advocate of the volunteer system when in its infancy". Capt Busk has lectured and written much upon the subject, and is the author of the "Rifle and how to use it", and many other works connected with the volunteer movement. He founded and for several years edited the New Quarterly Review. In 1837 he filled the office of High Sheriff of Radnorshire. In 1859 he was appointed Deputy Lieutenant for Middlesex, and in 1860 he accepted the captaincy in the Victoria Rifles.

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Captain Hans Busk, the originator of our volunteer army, was prevented by a serious accident from attending the recent review near Salisbury. By a casual explosion he sustained so much injury to one hand and an eye that it seemed more than probable he would never recover the use of either. Matters have now, however, taken a more favourable turn, and it is believed that in the course of a few months he will be perfectly convalescent. Owing to the extent of the burns and lacerations, the pain has necessarily for some days been very intense.

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Lieutenant J Barham Day - This officer, of the Middlesex Militia, has just returned from Devonport, where he had been attached to the 2nd Battalion 2nd Queen's Royal Regiment, stations at the Raglan Barracks for a to learn the new drill and had obtained a "certificate" commanding officer.

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