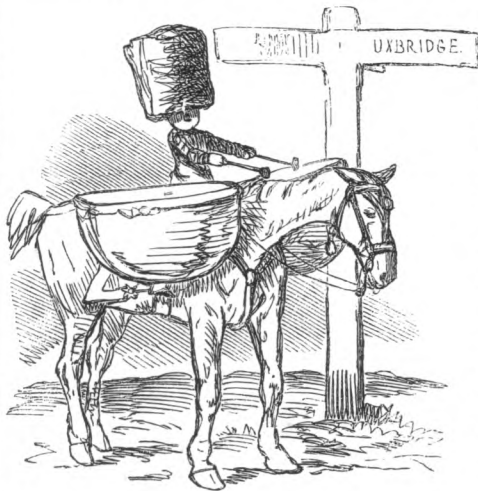


YEOMANRY CAVALRY REVIEWED.

Private and Confidential Report on the Condition of the Cowbridge Volunteers, by Colonel Inspector PUNCH to the COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF.



O HIS GRACE F.
M. THE DUKE OF
WELLINGTON,
*Commander-in-
Chief, &c. &c.
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I HAVE the honour to transmit for your Grace's perusal, by the command of your Grace, a confidential report of the state in regard to discipline, and generally, of the Cowbridge Yeomanry Cavalry, inspected by me, pursuant to orders.

Your Grace is aware that the Cowbridge Yeomanry Cavalry are irregular horse, that is to say, mounted on animals of all sorts and sizes, which, with the exception of a few shooting ponies amongst the number, do not stand fire with quite so much steadiness as could be desired.

Of the behaviour of the men themselves under fire I cannot, of course, speak, as they have as yet seen no actual service in any field, except the ordinary operations of husbandry. Nor can I form any conjecture on this subject; for the probability of their ever being called upon to act—except in the sense of playing the part of soldiers—is, in my opinion, as remote as your Grace can wish.

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