

A REQUISITION FOR YOUR COMPANY



Below is an actual **requisition** (request) for clothing for the regiment of **Major General Philip Skippon** (That's him on the left). He was in command of the part time parliamentarian soldiers (militia) at the **Battle of Turnham Green**.

Clothing Warrant for the Regiment of Philip Skippon



- Roughly translated the authorities have ordered red coats, shirts, shoes and backpacks to be given to Skippon's foot soldiers.
- Can you pick out odd words like 'captaynes' (captain) and 'ffoot companyes' (foot companies) on the 2nd line: 'London' on the 3rd line: red coats, shirts, shoes and snapsacks' on the 6th line. Note how some spellings are different to ours. At least the date is clear!

Try your calligraphy. Your task is to write a requisition for food for your company for one week. Soldiers in those days had half a kilogram of bread and a quarter of a kilogram of meat (or cheese) a day. They also received a bottle of wine (or two bottles of beer) every day. If food was in short supply peas and beans might be issued instead with which the soldiers would make broth.

Have a go. You have 100 soldiers under your command who need feeding. Try an 'olde English' style of writing. Sign and date it.