

IMPORTANT TO SKEDADDLERS.

A CANADIAN MILITARY ORDER.

Many of the men recently drafted in Detroit and its vicinity, it is said, are skedaddling to Canada. To counteract this movement a clever hoax has been devised. The story is thus solemnly told by one of the Detroit papers:—

(From the Detroit Tribune, Saturday.)

The British military authorities have issued an order requiring all able-bodied men in Canada, fit for duty, to enrol themselves for military duty. A sergeant has been entrusted with the duty of posting this order throughout Canada, and on Thursday evening and Friday was busy in pasting up the bills in Windsor. He will continue down as far as Amherstburg, taking Sandwich in his course, and will also see that the order is posted in the various villages along the Lake shore.

The sight of the order at Windsor and Sandwich has naturally created great excitement among the draft runaways, deserters, refugees, &c., who are apparently at a loss how to proceed. Many (mostly Southerners,) are making preparations to comply with its provisions, and others are returning home. The day express on the Great Western Railway, it is estimated, took over 100 men this morning to Clifton, who went there to report. The order is imperative, and requires immediate attention. Below we give a copy of it:—

HEADQUARTERS, Quebec, Sept. 21, 1864.

“ Notice is hereby given to all persons from the Federal States of America, who have taken refuge in Canada since the 1st of August, 1864, and are fit for the performance of military duty, to report immediately to Captain R Stanhope Wilkes, of Her Majesty's service, at his headquarters, Clifton House, Clifton, C.W., for enrolment into the military service of Her Majesty's Government.

“ All persons failing or refusing to comply with the requirements of this order, will be subject to summary arrest, fine, and imprisonment.

“ Refugees and exiles seeking the protection of this Government must lend their aid to strengthen the Government that gives them protection.

“ By order.”

The above might lead to the supposition that the British Government was preparing for war, but we are reliably informed that it is only the intention to raise several regiments of Canadian militia to garrison, for the present, the many military posts along the frontier, and when properly drilled they will be sent to other localities, probably to the East Indies. When we remember that the British Government recently issued an order withdrawing all its regular troops from Canada, it left that Province to rely upon its own inhabitants for protection. In consequence, they have necessarily had recourse to the above order to strengthen their forces.