Preface

Several months ago I was interested in reading the system of cavalry tactics, enacted by the secretary of war, Joel Roberts Poinsett, on February 10, 1841.

After searching whilst a lot of time in the internet I had the chance to buy a reprint of these manual from 1862 in a good condition and, especially, with all the plates contained.

Thereafter I begun to read in these old books and noticed soon, that they were very fragile and therefore unsuitable for extensive studies and research and I decided to compile an electronic edition of these.

I have no intention to make money with this work. In fact of this, feel free to make any printouts, to extract text or plates and to copy the whole work and to pass to your friends. But please, do so only in an uncommercial manner.

If you have any questions or some ideas to do things better, please contact me by e-mail (markus@ruegger.ch).

Your obedient servant,
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