

# Dishevelled Officer, The

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**Formation:** Longways Duple Improper  
**Tune:** Specific tune - The Disbanded Officer (1787)  
**Music:** A                      4/4                      Barnes 2/31

## Notes:

- 1) The dance is inspired by, and uses the same tune, as the Disbanded Officer in 24 Country Dances For 1787 (Thompson), reprinted in Compleat Collection Of Country Dances, Vol 5 (Thompson, 1788/1789).
- 2) The modern version of the Disbanded Officer (Ken Sheffield, From Two Barns, Vol 3) has little or no relationship to the original, except for the tune.
- 3) The Light Heart in Cahusac's 24 Country Dances for 1800 has the same choreography as the Disbanded Officer, but a different tune.

**The Disbanded Officer**

Lead down 2 Cu:and ballance Allemand ∴  
Up again and ballance Allemand ∴  
the 3 1<sup>st</sup> Cu's ballance all round ∴  
Cast off. Right and Left ∴

- A1 1-2 1s slip down the centre **while** 2s slip up the outside  
3-4 Partner set right & left  
5-8 Partner two-hand turn  $1\frac{1}{2}$  (*or once, 2s keep hands, 1s split*)
- A2 1-2 2s slip down the centre **while** 1s slip up the outside  
3-4 Partner set right & left  
5-8 Partner two-hand turn  $1\frac{1}{2}$  (*or once*)  
**[all home]**
- B1 1-4 Circle left  
5-8 Balance and petronella right
- B2 1-4 Balance and petronella right  
5-8 Balance and California twirl