

C. J. That the said Companies in Frederick County compose one Battalion, those in Baltimore and Harford Counties jointly another, and those in Saint Marys, Charles and Prince Georges Counties jointly another; and that to each of the same Battalions, there be one Colonel and Lieutenant Colonel, two Majors, one Quarter Master and one Adjutant, appointed and commissioned as aforesaid, by the Convention or Council of Safety.

That as soon as conveniently may be, after the Officers to the said Battalions on the Western Shore are commissioned, eight men be drafted from every Company of the said Battalions, to compose one Company of Light Infantry to each Battalion; to which Company, the Convention or Council of Safety, shall as aforesaid appoint and Commission, one Captain, two Lieutenants and one Ensign; and the Captain of each Company of Light Infantry may appoint non-commissioned Officers thereto.

That all the Officers of the said Minute-men rank according to their commissions, and the dates or priority thereof.

That the Minute-men be exercised two days in every week, and that for one of those days, each of the non-commissioned Officers and privates be allowed two shillings and sixpence common money.

That each of the said Battalions in Frederick and Baltimore and Harford Counties be exercised in Battalion at such convenient times and places as shall be appointed by the Field Officers of the respective Battalion, every of which times being accounted as one of the two days of exercise, and that the said other Companies of Minute-men exercise with some Battalion of Militia, at the times of their being exercised in Battalion, in their respective County; and as to this purpose, be subject to the commands of the Field Officers of such Battalion.

That until other Arms are provided, the Minute-men exercise with their own Firelocks, but that as soon as others can be provided by the Public, each Colonel have delivered to him, Firelocks, with Steel Ramrods and bayonets, Cartouch boxes, Worms Priming Wires and brushes fitted thereto, and flints sufficient for his Battalion, and he shall deliver to each Captain in his Battalion, sufficient for his Company, who shall deliver and distribute the same to his Company, Receipts of all which deliveries shall be given; the men being answerable to the Captains, the Captains to the Colonels and the Colonels to the Convention, for the Return of the said Arms and accoutrements in good order, unless prevented by unavoidable accidents.

That the Companies of Minute-men not so joined in Battalion, be armed and provided, and the Captains and men of those Companies responsible for a return of the public Arms and