

accoutrements in the same manner as the men of the Battalions C. J. are to be armed and provided, and their Colonels and they are as aforesaid responsible.

That every able bodied effective Freeman within this Province between Sixteen and fifty years of age, (Clergymen of all denominations, practising physicians, the Household of His Excellency the Governor, Minute and Artillery men, and such persons who from their religious principles cannot bear arms in any case, excepted) as soon as may be, and at farthest before the fifteenth day of September next, shall enrol himself in some Company of Militia, in the following Form to wit, "We whose names are subscribed do hereby enrol ourselves into a Company of Militia, agreeable to the Resolutions of the Provincial Convention held at Annapolis the 26th day of July 1775, and we do promise and engage, that we will respectively march to such places within this Province, and at such times as we shall be commanded by the Convention or the Council of Safety of this Province, or by our Officers in pursuance of the orders of the said Convention or Council; and there, with our whole power fight against whomsoever we shall be commanded by such authority as aforesaid. Witness our Hands this            day of            1775.

That each Company of Militia consist of such Officers as are recommended by former Resolutions of the Convention, and of about 68 privates.

That each Company already formed, if it now is, or before the fifteenth day of September next shall be made up to fifty privates or upwards, and shall have subscribed the said form of enrolment, shall confirm their Election of Officers already made, or elect others in their stead, by Ballot, as they shall think proper; and that officers be so chosen for all Companies which shall be hereafter formed, as recommended by the said former Resolves; after which confirmation and Elections, and before the first day of October next, each Captain of Militia shall transmit a Roll of his Company to the Committee of Observation, which shall be appointed for his County, who shall as soon as may be, transmit a memorandum or certificate of the names of the Captain, Lieutenants and Ensign, and of the numbers of non-commissioned Officers and privates, to the Council of Safety, in order that commissions may issue in the name of the Convention, to those Officers, which shall be done by the same convention, or Council of Safety as aforesaid.

That no Company shall exceed the number of 74 Privates, or consist of less than fifty, and if a greater number than 74 shall be enrolled in any one Company, then the Enrolment of any, after the first 68 effective privates, shall be deemed void; and such shall enrol in some other Company; and if a number