

c. I. of men shall be enrolled not amounting to fifty privates besides sufficient for non-commissioned Officers for any one Company, they shall not be considered as a Company: yet as the local circumstances of some neighbourhoods, may make it very inconvenient for a full Company of Militia to meet weekly for Exercise, on one and the same place, in such case, the Officers may appoint two places, at each of which, a several part of the Company may be mustered, not oftener than three times out of four, so that every fourth time at least the whole be mustered together.

That no Company be permitted to choose officers before a sufficient number of men be enrolled to make up 50 privates besides non-commissioned Officers.

That after enrolment in pursuance of these Resolves, no man be permitted to leave the Company in which he shall have been enrolled without the consent of his Captain in writing.

That the Committee of Observation in each County make diligent enquiry after, and transmit to the Convention, or Council of Safety, the name of every able bodied effective Freeman, as aforesaid in their respective County, if there shall be any such, who shall not enrol himself, either as a Minute, or Artillery man, or in the Militia, according to the preceding Resolves; to the end that the Convention may take order therein; against whom no further proceedings or measures shall be taken, but by the future order of the Convention.

That the Committee of observation for each County shall divide the Militia of their County into Battalions or Companies of Light Infantry, each of which Battalions to consist of such eight Companies of Militia, as the same Committee shall appoint; and the same Committee also assigning to each Battalion one Company of Light Infantry, which Light Infantry, shall be armed in such manner, as the Council of Safety shall direct, and that to each of the said Battalions, there be one Colonel, one Lieutenant-Colonel, two Majors, one Quarter master and one adjutant who shall be appointed and commissioned by the Delegates of this Province sitting in Convention, or at any time when they are not sitting in Convention, by the Council of Safety, in the name of the Convention; which Officers shall rank and martial the Companies of their respective Battalions.

That every Company of Militia be exercised one day in every week, and that every Battalion of Militia be exercised in Battalion, at such times and places as the Field Officers of the Battalion shall appoint; not oftener than once in every month, nor seldomer than once in every two months, the day of exercise in Battalion being accounted as the day of exercise for that week.