

Jerseys, immediately on its being made known to them proceed to the camps, and endeavor to enlist such of the troops and militia of this state now there, as are willing to enter into the continental service on the terms proposed by congress: or if the congress will not make such specification of the lands to be given as aforesaid, and will permit the enlistment of the quota of troops of this state on the terms proposed by this convention, that then the commissioner proceed to the camps and endeavour to procure the enlistment of the troops according to the former resolutions of this convention, paying to each non-commissioned officer and private who shall enlist, the twenty dollars bounty allowed by congress, and the additional bounty of ten dollars proposed by the said resolutions of convention to be allowed by this state. But if the honourable congress will not specify the lands as aforesaid, and should signify a desire that the said additional bounty of ten dollars should not be given, that then the commissioners, with the permission of congress, proceed as aforesaid and endeavour to effect the said enlistment on the bounty of twenty dollars allowed by congress; but they are not to engage the faith of this state to give or make good any bounty of lands, or give any assurance whatsoever that they will have such bounty.

*Resolved*, That Mr. President write to the congress, and inform them, that this convention feel themselves very unhappy that there should have been any, the least, difference of opinion between them; and as desired have reconsidered their former resolutions for raising the quota of troops of this state, and on a very deliberate and attentive consideration of the subject have come to the resolutions of this day, which the president is requested to enclose.

That this convention never apprehended that the congress intended this state should be obliged in its individual capacity to make good the bounty of lands to the soldiery, but were of opinion and remain firmly persuaded that if the bounty in land should, by authority of this state, be proposed as a motive to induce the individuals of its quota to enlist, this state will be bound in good faith to see that bounty effectually granted; and therefore as this state has no lands belonging solely and exclusively to itself, with which to make good the bounty, it is not only prudent, but necessary, before they do an act which will engage the faith of the state, to know what land is to be applied, and on what terms, to the designed purpose.

That this convention are under the strongest impressions that the back lands claimed by the British crown, if secured by the blood and treasure of all, ought in reason, justice, and policy, to be con-