

officers desire to have their commissions. That no minute companies be continued beyond the first day of March next, and that a sum of money sufficient for the purpose, be lodged in the hands of the committee of observation in each respective county where a company of minute men hath been enrolled, viewed, and allowed, to pay and discharge the expense of such company for the time past, and also for the time to come, if such company continues till the first day of March next, and that such committee receive the rolls of such companies, and the times of the attendance of the men, proved by the oath of some one at least of the commissioned officers, return the balance of the money, if any, into the public treasury, and render an account of their transactions herein to the next convention; but no person chosen for a commissioned officer in any company of minute men, shall be compellable to serve in the militia in a lower rank or station than he was elected to in the minute company.

That all public arms in the hands of the minute men, immediately after the first day of March next, or as soon as they disband where they disband sooner, be delivered to the committee of observation for their respective county, to be by the said committee kept and preserved for the public use.

That every able bodied effective freeman within this province, between sixteen and fifty years of age, (clergymen of all denominations, practising physicians, and the household of his excellency the governor, excepted,) who hath not already enrolled himself in the militia, shall, on or before the first day of March next, enroll himself in some company of militia, agreeable to the form of the enrollment prescribed by the last convention, and that every minute or artillery man, except commissioned officers, shall in like manner enroll in the militia, within one month next after he shall cease to act as a minute or artillery man. And if any able bodied effective freeman shall refuse or delay to enroll himself in the militia as aforesaid, every such person shall pay for the present year, which shall be reckoned from the fifteenth day of September last, such sum of money, not less than forty shillings nor more than ten pounds, as shall be assessed by the committee of observation of his county, for the use of the public. And the committee of observation in each respective county shall, by warrant under their hands, appoint and empower any person or persons they shall judge proper, to collect and receive all monies by them so assessed, which shall be paid within one month after notice of such assessment, and in default thereof, the person or persons so empowered, may distrain the goods and effects of the defaulters, and sell and dispose of the