

same in the same manner that goods may be distrained and sold by law for county levies. And every collector shall, on or before the first day of July next, pay the money by him collected, after deducting seven and an half per cent. for his commission, to the treasurer of his shore, and leave with the same treasurer an account containing the names of those from whom he hath received the same, and the sums from them respectively collected.

That every person who shall refuse and delay to enroll as aforesaid, shall on or before the tenth day of March next, deliver to the committee of observation for his county, all his fire arms, if he hath any, except pistols; and if any such person shall refuse or delay to do the same, then such committee shall empower some person or persons, by warrant under their hands, to seize the said fire-arms, and deliver the same to the said committee; and the said committees shall cause all the arms which shall come to their hands to be valued, by indifferent and honest men on oath, and shall keep a list of such arms, to whom they belong, and their respective values, and may deliver out such arms at their discretion, to the captains of militia in their county, taking the captain's receipt therefor, and the captains being liable for the redelivery thereof, may deliver the same to the unarmed men of their companies; and every committee of observation shall transmit an account of all assessments by them made, as well as of all arms by them received as aforesaid, and how they have disposed of the same, to every convention: but because some persons who do not enroll in the militia may be so poor that they cannot pay the said assessment of forty shillings, and their omitting to enroll may not proceed from disaffection to the cause of America, or perverseness, it is provided, that where the real and personal estate of any effective freeman, who shall refuse or neglect to enroll himself in the militia as aforesaid, shall not, in the judgment and estimation of the committee of his county, be of the value of thirty pounds, the same committee may in their discretion omit to assess any sum of money on such person, the same committee certifying to the convention or council of safety the name of the person, and the reasons wherefore they do not assess him.

That all fines which have been already set and adjudged, according to the resolutions of the last convention, on militia officers or men, and have not been paid, or which shall hereafter be so set and adjudged, shall, if the same be on a field officer, be paid into the hands of the quarter-master of the battalion to which he belongs, and if any officer of inferior rank to a field officer, or on a non-commissioned officer or private, be paid into the hands of such person as