

been already generally tendered to the said freemen, to be subscribed by them, according to the resolutions of the late Convention; and every person who shall not sign the said association at the time of tendering the same to him, or within ten days thereafter, shall be in the same condition as if the same had been tendered to him according to the said former resolutions, and he had refused or neglected to have subscribed the same; and the committee of observation for each county, shall leave one or more of the association papers in the custody of some person or persons to be by them respectively appointed, at some house in their county town, and also at George-town and Hagar's-town in Frederick county, and shall give public notice thereof by advertuements, so that such of the freemen of this province, who have not done so already, may subscribe the same.

That every freeman within this province, who hath not already, nor before the eleventh day of April next shall have subscribed the association aforesaid, shall within five days after the said last-mentioned day, deliver up to the committee of observation for his county, all his fire-arms, if he hath any, except pistols, and every person who shall neglect to do the same, may be disarmed by order of the committee of observation for his county, in like manner as those who ought to enroll in the militia and refuse to do so, and the arms of the non-associators shall and may be disposed of in the same manner as the arms of those who refuse to enroll in the militia; and moreover the committee of observation of each county in this province, may in their discretion award and order any freeman of this province, not associating as aforesaid, found within their county, whether such freeman be a resident of their county or not, to enter into bond, with good and sufficient security, in such penalty as they may think fit, payable to the president of the Convention for the time being, by name, conditioned, that if such non-associator shall behave himself peaceably and quietly in the present unhappy contest between Great-Britain and the colonies; that he shall not directly or indirectly betray or give intelligence to the enemy of any councils or preparations of the Congress, or any Convention or assembly, or Council or Committee of Safety of this or any other province or colony; and that he shall not directly or indirectly correspond, by letter, message, or otherwise, during the said contest, with any British minister, secretary of state, member of parliament, or any person out of this province, holding an office, civil or military, immediately under the crown, or with any other person in arms against these colonies, knowing such person to be in arms, then the above obligation to be void. But if any such non-associator shall chuse to quit this province and go beyond sea, then the committee of observation of the county to which he belongs, may, and is hereby empowered to grant him a passport to leave this country in peace and go beyond sea, carrying with him his property or any part thereof; and any person refusing to sign the said association, and to give bond as aforesaid, and continuing to reside within this province, may be imprisoned by the committee of observation of the county in which such non-associator resides or may be found, until the Convention then next after such imprisonment shall have taken order therein. And in case any non-associator shall quit this country and leave an estate in this province, such estate shall be burthened with a proportionate part of the expence incurred by this province in defence of American liberty; but these resolutions are not to extend to the household of his excellency the governor. All which association papers that shall be subscribed as aforesaid, as well as a list of the names of all those who shall refuse or neglect to subscribe the same, and all original bonds taken as aforesaid, shall be returned to the next Convention. Provided, that where any person hath not nor shall actually refuse to subscribe the association, but shall only have neglected to subscribe the same, if he doth afterwards sign the same before the committee of observation of his county, she shall not be disarmed for his neglect, nor compellable to give any such bond as before mentioned.